



**Please Note:** New vendors and subcontractors must supply all of the required paperwork (Appendix I, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters). In addition, all Vendors must also be registered in the CCR within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

United States  
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**FV-314**

**Fruit and Vegetable Programs**

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**Fresh Sweet Potatoes, Announcement FV-314, Invitation 002 (Amendment 1)**

Washington, DC  
20250

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh sweet potatoes as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to the child nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. **Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Tuesday, November 23, 2004.** Acceptances will be announced by midnight, **Thursday, December 2, 2004.** Deliveries are to be made from January 31, 2005 to April 30, 2005.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

<b>Fresh, Sweet Potatoes</b>	<b>190 / 5-lb bag</b>	<b>418 cases</b>
<b>Grade: U.S. No. 1</b>		
<b>Washed</b>		
<b>Destination Inspection Required</b>		

**No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.**

**All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.**

**All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring this special marking will be indicated by (\*\*). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.**

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-314; Appendix-1; the Commodity Specification for fresh vegetables, dated June 2004; or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-0239, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity

